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SUBJ: SECVISIT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT AT

OPENING SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF

MINISTERS OF CENTO, ANKARA, MAY 22, 1975

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SUBJECT STATEMENT DELIVERED AT
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MR. SECRETARY GENERAL, PRIME MINISTER, YOUR EXCELLENCIES,
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, DELEGATES, LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN:

I AM PRIVILEGED TO BE HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME REPRESENTING MY
COUNTRY AT THE 22ND MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NATIONS
OF THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE PRIME MINISTER
AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF TURKEY FOR THE CHARACTERISTICALLY WARM
RECEPTION WE HAVE RECEIVED AND FOR THE EXCELLENT ARRANGMENTS THEY
HAVE MADE.

WE MEET AT A TIMELY MOMENT WHEN THE UNITED STATES IS DETERMINED
TO REAFFIRM ITS TIES TO ITS ALLIES. WE MEET AT A MOMENT WHEN THIS
REGION -- AT THE CROSSROADS OF EUROPE, THE MEDITERRANEAN,
THE PERSIAN GULF, THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA -- HAS TAKEN ON AN
EVER GREATER STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC AND GLOBAL IMPORTANCE. WE LIVE IN
AN ERA OF RAPID ECONOMIC CHANGE AND POLITICAL TURBULENCE.
THERE HAVE BEEN DISTURBING TENSIONS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.
THE MIDDLE EAST STANDS POISED ON THE BRINK EITHER OF
NEW UPHEAVAL OR OF A HOPEFUL PROCESS OF MOVEMENT TOWARDS PEACE.
THIS REGION REFLECTS, THEREFORE, ALL THE PROBLEMS AND HOPES OF A
NEW ERA OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. IF OUR NATIONS CAN THRIVE, AND
MAINTAIN OUR COLLABORATION, WE WILL ACHIEVE MUCH FOR OURSELVES,
AND WE WILL CONTRIBUTE EVEN MORE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF ISSUES FAR
WIDER IN THEIR IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS. WE WILL DEMONSTRATE
TO OUR PEOPLES -- AND SET AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL PEOPLES -- THAT EVEN
IN AN ERA OF CHANGE, MEN REMAIN THE MASTERS OF THEIR OWN FUTURE.
PRESIDENT FORD HAS REPEATED BEFORE THE CONGRESS THAT "WE WILL STAND
BY OUR FRIENDS, WE WILL HONOR OUR COMMITMENTS, AND WE WILL UPHOLD OUR
COUNTRY'S PRINCIPLES." THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE LEARNED, THROUGH
EXPERIENCE THAT IS IRREVERSIBLE, THAT OUR FATE IS CLOSELY LINKED
WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD. THE WORLD FACES A NEW AGENDA -- OF
ECONOMIC PROGRESS; OF RELATIONS BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS,
OF RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; OF ISSUES
SUCH AS THE LAW OF THE SEA -- IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS IN A
UNIQUE POSITION TO MAKE A VITAL CONTRIBUTION AND DETERMINED TO DO SO.
AND, AT THIS MOMENT, AFTER SOME MONTHS OF TRIAL, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

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ARE PERHAPS MORE CONSCIOUS THAN IN THE RECENT PAST OF THE NEED TO
REAFFIRM OUR STEADFASTNESS, OF OUR DEDICATION TOWARD INTERNATIONAL
PEACE, PROGRESS AND SECURITY.

CENTRAL TO OUR FOREIGN POLICY IS THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR
ALLIES IN NATO, OF WHICH TURKEY IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT MEMBER, AND IN
JAPAN, AND WITH OUR FRIENDS IN OTHER TREATY RELATIONSHIPS. OUR
RELATIONSHIPS ARE BASED ON CONSIDERATIONS BEYOND SECURITY. NEXT

WEEK THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY AND THE OECD WILL MEET IN PARIS TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. AT THE END OF THE WEEK PRESIDENT FORD WILL MEET WITH HIS COLLEAGUES AT A SUMMIT IN BRUSSELS TO EMPHASIZE AMERICA'S TIES TO ITS FRIENDS.

II

IN TODAY'S WORLD OUR ASSOCIATIONS AIM AT PEACE AND NOT CONFRONTATION. WE SEEK TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNIST POWERS IN CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF OUR CONTINUED STRENGTH AND SECURITY, INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE. BUT AS WE STRIVE FOR PEACE WE SHALL NEVER GIVE UP OUR PRINCIPLES OR ABANDON OUR FRIENDS.

IN RECENT YEARS THE UNITED STATES HAS ATTEMPTED TO BUILD A MORE DURABLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AS MY COLLEAGUES HERE HAVE SIMILARLY DONE. WE HAVE TAKEN HISTORIC STEPS OF STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION, OF BILATERAL COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS, AND OF RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES IN SUCH AREAS AS BERLIN -- WHICH I VISITED YESTERDAY. AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE DETERMINED THAT IN AREAS WHERE OUR INTERESTS ARE NOT PARALLEL TO THE SOVIET UNION'S, THERE MUST BE A PRACTICE OF RECIPROCAL RESTRAINT AND RESPONSIBILITY. WE HAVE ALWAYS INSISTED AND WE SHALL CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT THE EASING OF TENSIONS CANNOT OCCUR SELECTIVELY.

THE UNITED STATES, AS YOU KNOW, HAS ALSO TAKEN HISTORIC STEPS IN RECENT YEARS TO END DECADES OF ESTRANGEMENT WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP HAS SERVED THE CAUSE OF PEACE NOT ONLY IN ASIA BUT GLOBALLY. THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THIS RELATIONSHIP IS ONE OF THE PRIORITIES OF AMERICAN POLICY.

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ALL THE MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY OUTWARD-LOOKING IN THEIR POLICIES. WE ALL HAVE IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIPS WHICH HAVE STRENGTHENED EACH OF US AND THUS SERVED A COMMON INTEREST.

III

WITHIN THIS REGION, WE FACE A NEW ERA OF CHALLENGES MORE COMPLEX THAN THOSE WHEN THIS ORGANIZATION WAS CREATED.

--PAKISTAN'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS SINCE ITS TRIALS OF THREE AND A HALF YEARS AGO HAS BEEN EXTRAORDINARY. THE UNITED STATES TAKES PRIDE IN HAVING BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENDEAVOR.

PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAD A HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF PAKISTAN REMAINS A PRINCIPAL
INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES. AT THE TIME THE UNITED STATES
STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE PROMISING PROCESS OF ACCOMMODATION ON THE
SUBCONTINENT WHICH WAS BEGUN AT SIMLA.

--THRE RAPIDITY OF IRAN'S MODERNIZATION IS ONE OF THE MOST
IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS OF NATIONAL DEDICATION IN THE WORLD TODAY.
THE RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT OF HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY WAS THE
OCCASION FOR DEEPENING AMERICAN-IRANIAN FRIENDSHIP AND FOR
INCREASING THE ALREADY CLOSE ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IRAN'S ROLE
FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION IS VITAL. WE WELCOME THE
IMPROVEMENT IN ITS RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING IRAQ.

--THE UNITED STATES REGARDS TURKEY AS A VALUED FRIEND AND ALLY.
WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT FOR FURTHER PROGRESS IN RESTORING OUR
NORMAL DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY. THE UNITED STATES
STRONGLY SUPPORTS EFFORTS AIMED AT ENDING THE DISPUTES BETWEEN
TURKEY AND GREECE, FOR WE CONSIDER THEIR RELATIONSHIP IMPORTANT

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TO THE SECURITY OF BOTH COUNTRIES, TO THE SECURITY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN, AND TO THE SECURITY OF EUROPE. WE ALSO WILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR UTMOST IN THE CYPRUS DISPUTE TO ENCOURAGE A JUST AND DURABLE SOLUTION THAT PROMOTES THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE ON THE ISLAND, AND MAINTAINS THE SOVEREIGNTY TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS.

-- THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT REMAINS A DANGEROUS PROBLEM FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD. THE TWO DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS ESTABLISHED A MOMENTUM TOWARD PEACE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO SUSTAIN. THE CHALLENGE TO DIPLOMACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES THAT WILL ASSURE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SECURITY, AND RIGHT TO NATIONAL EXISTENCE OF ALL THE STATES OF THE REGION AND THAT WILL BE SEEN TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL ITS PEOPLES. SINCE THE SUSPENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN MARCH, WE HAVE REVIEWED THE VARIOUS APPROACHES OF ASSISTING THE PARTIES TO CONTINUE THEIR PROGRESS. OUR REASSESSMENT IS STILL UNDER WAY. BUT WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE PRESENT STALEMATE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE. THE UNITED STATES HAS EVERY INTENTION OF REMAINING ACTIVELY INVOLVED; WE SHALL PROMOTE PRACTICAL PROGRESS TOWARD A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE PURSUANT TO SECURITY CONCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. OUR CHALLENGES -- AS PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE POINTED OUT -- ARE NOT CONFINED TO THE POLITICAL FIELD. INDEED, IN AN ERA OF INTERDEPENDENCE, PEACE MUST BE BUILT ON MANY PILLARS.

-- ENERGY IS AN AREA OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE TO ALL OF US. THIS ORGANIZATION EMBRACES COUNTRIES WHICH ARE CONSUMERS, OTHERS WHICH ARE PRODUCERS, AND DEVELOPING NATIONS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE RECENT

CRISIS OF SHORTAGE AND INCREASE IN PRICE. THE WELL-BEING OF ALL OUR COUNTRIES IS AFFECTED IN DIFFERENT WAYS. MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT A FAIR SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND SERVING ALL OUR INTERESTS - THE CONSUMERS IN A RELIABLE SUPPLY AT REASONABLE PRICE, THE PRODUCERS' IN RELIABLE LONG-TERM INCOME FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND THE POORER NATIONS' NEED FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. THIS PROMISE CANNOT BE REALIZED THROUGH TACTICS OF CONFRONTATION OR BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF TEMPORARILY FAVOURABLE MARKET CONDITIONS, SUCH TACTICS WILL PRODUCE COUNTER ORGANIZATION AND BY UNDERMINING THE WORLD ECONOMIC STRUCTURE WILL ULTIMATELY HURT PRODUCERS AS WELL AS CONSUMERS. THE UNITED STATES WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO FIND A COOPERATIVE SOLUTION. THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CENTO IN THE POLITICAL, SECURITY, AND,

RECENTLY, ECONOMIC FIELDS ARE CONSIDERABLE. THE COHESION OF THIS ORGANIZATION, NOW IN ITS THIRD DECADE OF EXISTENCE, IS A REMARKABLE TESTIMONY TO THE COMMON INTERESTS AND VALUES OF THE NATIONS COMPRISING IT.

WITH THE WISE LEADERSHIP OF OUR DISTINGUISHED NEW SECRETARY GENERAL, AND WITH RENEWED DETERMINATION THAT THIS ALLIANCE SHALL BE A VEHICLE FOR CLOSE COLLABORATION, IN ALL FIELDS, CENTO CAN MAKE A FRESH CONTRIBUTION TO THIS REGION'S SECURITY AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO UNDERSCORE THE CONTINUED COMMITMENT OF MY COUNTRY TO THESE FUNDAMENTAL AIMS.
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THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY. WE KNOW THAT THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD DEPENDS VERY MUCH ON OUR CONTRIBUTION AND PERSEVERANCE. WE WILL REMAIN FULLY ENGAGED BECAUSE OF OUR OWN SELF-INTEREST, BECAUSE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OUR WEALTH AND POWER CONFER UPON US, AND BECAUSE ONLY BY STANDING BY OUR FRIENDS CAN WE BE TRUE TO THE VALUES OF FREEDOM THAT HAVE BROUGHT PROGRESS AND HOPE TO OUR PEOPLE. THANK YOU.
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